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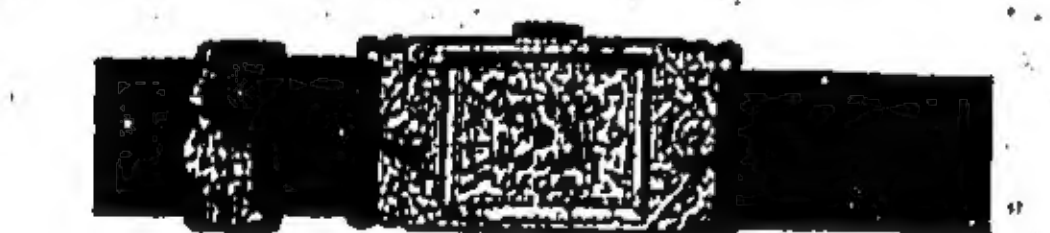
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BRITAIN AND FRANCE.  
MR. MACDONALD IN COMMONS.  
EXPLAINS VISIT TO PARIS.  
STEPS TO SAFEGUARD INVESTORS.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, July 10.  
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Premier, asked in the House of Commons whether he had withdrawn from his attitude that matters on the Dawes report, outside the Treaty of Versailles, could not be dealt with by the Reparations Commission, replied in the negative. He added that the Government had not definitely withdrawn from its attitude. The matter had been deferred to the judgment of British and French legal experts, which would be presented to the London Conference on July 16.

The whole matter, he concluded, would be considered in the light of that judgment.

HIS VISIT TO PARIS.  
In reply to the Rt. Hon. Mr. Stanley Baldwin Mr. MacDonald said that he went to Paris to try to remove the unfortunate situation which had arisen there and which threatened to destroy the work done to arrange an inter-allied conference. The British Government was of opinion that every effort should be made to put the experts' report into operation without delay. French opinion was unwilling to allow the experts' report to be regarded as a substitute for the Versailles Treaty, but was willing to accept it as a new and better way of dealing with reparations. On the other hand, the essential foundation of the experts' report was the raising of a loan of £40,000,000 which was impossible unless would-be investors were assured their investments would not be destroyed by political or military action on the part of the Allied or German Governments.

Investors would not be forthcoming, he said, so long as the political and economic security, which the German State as a going concern offered investors, could be destroyed by action similar to that which had occurred last year.

AMERICAN AID NECESSARY.  
The Government, therefore, had agreed; firstly to try to add the Reparations Commission, when it was dealing with defalcation under the experts' report, an American member who would care for the interests of investors; or, failing that, to use the services of an American Reparation Agent-General.

The British Government suggested this gentleman should arbitrate in the event of failure to get a unanimous decision from the Commission.

The French Government wished time to consider this and to leave the final decision to the London Conference. The British Government finally agreed to this; and, meanwhile would consult financial opinion. Unless this matter was settled to the satisfaction of investors no loan would be forthcoming.

The French Government further desired to associate the question of inter-allied debts with the experts' report, but the British Government was unable to agree to this.

M. HERRIOT WARNED.  
Mr. MacDonald said that he had warned M. Herriot at the Chequers that the British Government could not allow this matter to drag out indefinitely; and he proposed to ask the Treasury to take up the matter where it had been left by Lord Curzon's Note of August 11, 1923.

He further suggested that a French Treasury Official should come to London as a preliminary in order to discuss the question with the British Officials.

It was agreed that this should be done and in negotiating a settlement, account would be taken of all considerations. Further, the French Government desired to keep the question of national security alive. The British Government made it definitely clear that no further proposal in the nature of a military pact could be entertained; but it repeated its desire to continue the conversations on the subject, especially with regard to arrangements being made through the League of Nations, disarmament conferences and other acceptable means.

A COMPLETE SUCCESS.

LONDON, July 9.  
Mr. MacDonald has returned and declared that the conference at Paris was a complete success. It cleared up all misunderstanding.

A report from Paris is that M. Herriot said it had been the best day for the Entente Cordiale since the Armistice. It was the beginning of a new era for Europe.

Opinion in London and Paris in regard to the results of the Paris conversations is somewhat divided. While satisfaction is expressed in London that a fresh agreement has been reached and the conference will be held, it is doubted whether the real difficulties, which have been faced have been overcome. It is feared in some quarters that Premier MacDonald may have been asked to sacrifice more than he can afford to give.

Most newspapers in Paris are satisfied, but some not so enthusiastic, declare that the only result for the present is that a rupture has been avoided. Mr. MacDonald is right when he says that the road is still long and full of pitfalls.

BERLIN IS DISAPPOINTED.  
BERLIN, July 10.  
There is bitter disappointment in political circles here at the outcome of the meeting between

With the permission of the Junior Y.M.C.A. building on Education Department of the Bridges Street, with 100 poor boys Hongkong Government, the enrolled and under the direct control of the Y.M.C.A. has formed a school of the "Y" hotel students, who will also defray the necessary expenses of running the school. The chairman of this committee is Dr. Young Sin-chuen, who has the co-operation of nine representative people on the committee as well as of a growing number of volunteer workers. Plans have already been made to start four schools on July 15. One of these will be at the

OLYMPIAD.  
MORE RECORDS BROKEN.  
FINLAND'S FINE SHOWING.  
SWITZERLAND ALSO CREATES SURPRISE.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, July 10.  
To-day's events in the Olympian Games were notable for the number of records broken. The results were: Fifteen Hundred Metres (Finland); 1. Narmi (Finland); 2. Scharar (Switzerland); 3. Stallard (Britain). Time 3min. 53 3/5 sec., a record for the Olympic Games.

Imbach (Switzerland) won his heat in the second round of the 400 metres in 48 seconds. The time is a world's record.

In the final of the 5,000 metres, Narmi came in first in 14 min. 31 1/5 sec., which is an Olympic record. Ritola (Finland) was second and Wide (Sweden) third.

The final of the hammer throwing competition resulted as follows: (1) Toetell (U.S.A.) with a throw of 53.275 metres; (2) Mc Grath (U.S.A.); (3) Nokes (Britain). At his third attempt Nokes threw 48.74 metres.

In the pole-jump final, the Americans took the first three places. Barnes and Graham tied at 3.95 metres, equalling the Olympic record. In the jump-off, however, Graham failed at 3.80 metres. The final placings were: (1) Barnes, 3.80 metres (2) Graham (3) Brooker, all Americans.

GOLF IN EUROPE.

BRITISH LADY'S VICTORY.

A SPORTING FOURSOME.

(Reuter's Service.)

LE TOUQUET, July 10.  
In the final of the Ladies' Open Golf Championship of France, Miss Cecil Leitch (Carlisle) defeated Miss Hunnewell (Sunningdale) by 10 up and 8 to play.

A SPORTING MATCH.

LONDON, July 10.  
A four-ball match has opened at St. George's Hill, Weybridge, between Abe Mitchell and George Duncan (Britain) and Walter Hagen and MacDonald Smith (U.S.A.).

Thirty-six holes are being played here to-day, and thirty-six holes are to be played on the Oxhey course to-morrow.

The winners will receive £300 and the losers £100. Including the side-stakes of the players, about £1,000 is involved.

At the end of this morning's round, the British players were one up.  
At the end of the day's play, Duncan and Mitchell were 4 up.

HOME CRICKET.

WARWICKSHIRE'S FINE EFFORT.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, July 10.  
At Birmingham, in the match between the South Africans and Warwickshire in hot weather, on a good wicket and before 1,000 spectators, Warwickshire scored 440.

Santall compiled 102, Calthorpe 76 and Bates 76. The early batsmen took the edge off the bowling and scoring after lunch was brisk.

The South Africans scored 25 without losing a wicket.

In the 1st. Innings the South Africans scored 317.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and M. Herriot. Fears are expressed that the London Conference will virtually fail in its objects.

The newspapers are particularly dissatisfied that the Reparations Commission will be the final arbiter of the manner in which the experts' report will be carried out. There is also uncertainty whether the German Delegates are invited to London in a consultative capacity, or whether they will simply be confronted with the protocol to sign. This is a point upon which official circles are urgently seeking enlightenment.

TALKS FOUR HOURS.

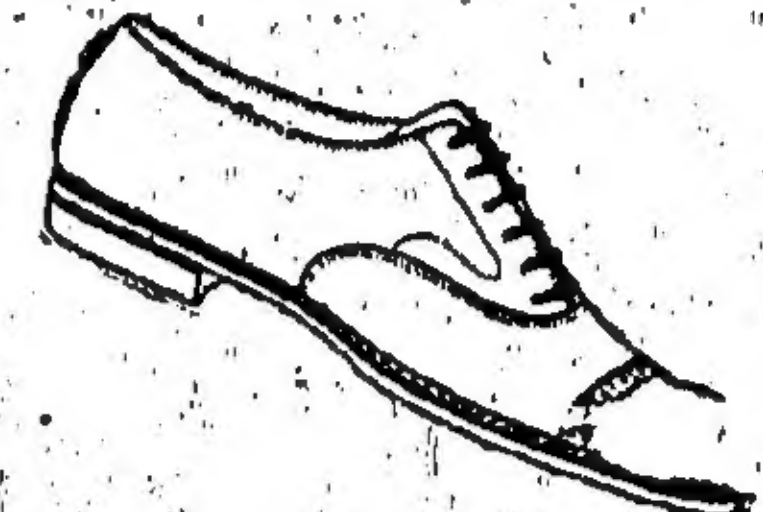
PARIS, July 10.  
Interpellating the Government on its foreign policy in a crowded Senate, M. Poincare, in a 4 hours' speech, deprecated Mr. MacDonald and M. Herriot substituting persuasion for constraint against Germany. He expressed the opinion that the London Conference ought not to have been convoked, until Germany had voted the measures required by the experts' plans. He expressed dissatisfaction at the communique issued after Wednesday's conference and contended that the Reparations Commission should continue to decide the question of German defaults; and each Ally retain the right to act alone in the event of default. He thought concerted action was preferable. M. Herriot will reply on Friday.

When visiting Southampton on June 27, to open the great floating dry dock, the Prince of Wales had luncheon in the Cunard liner "Aquitania."

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**SWEEPSTAKES BAN.****OFFICIAL ATTITUDE.**

NO MORE LENIENCY.

When the summonses against the promoters of the Otley Conservative Club sweepstake were heard at Otley Police Court, Mr. C. F. Lowenthal, who appeared for the Public Prosecutor, said: "It should be generally known that the carrying on of these lotteries is absolutely unlawful. It is the last time this lenient attitude will be adopted of dropping the conspiracy charges."

The defendants, Mr. Archibald Britton, secretary of the club, Mr. J. W. Potter, chairman of the sweepstake committee, Mr. Arthur Dunwell, treasurer, and Mr. George Tait were summoned for publishing the scheme and selling tickets in the lottery. They pleaded guilty, and were also charged with conspiracy, but this charge was not proceeded with.

Mr. Lowenthal said a lottery of this kind had been unlawful, he thought, since 1698. The defendants were prepared to hand over the money in their possession to a bank to be approved by the Director of Public Prosecutions. That bank would be instructed not to part with the money without the authority of the Director.

Mr. A. Masser, for the defendants, said he hoped the case would draw the attention of the Legislature to the anomalous position which existed. It was legal to put a shilling on a horse, but illegal to buy a sweepstake ticket and risk drawing a horse.

He added that on the first day of the sweepstake 6,000 packets were received at the Otley Post Office, and there were now 17,000 there.

In regard to the two summonses to which they had pleaded guilty the defendants were fined the maximum penalty of £25 on each summons, making £50 against each of them. They were also ordered to pay costs of £105.

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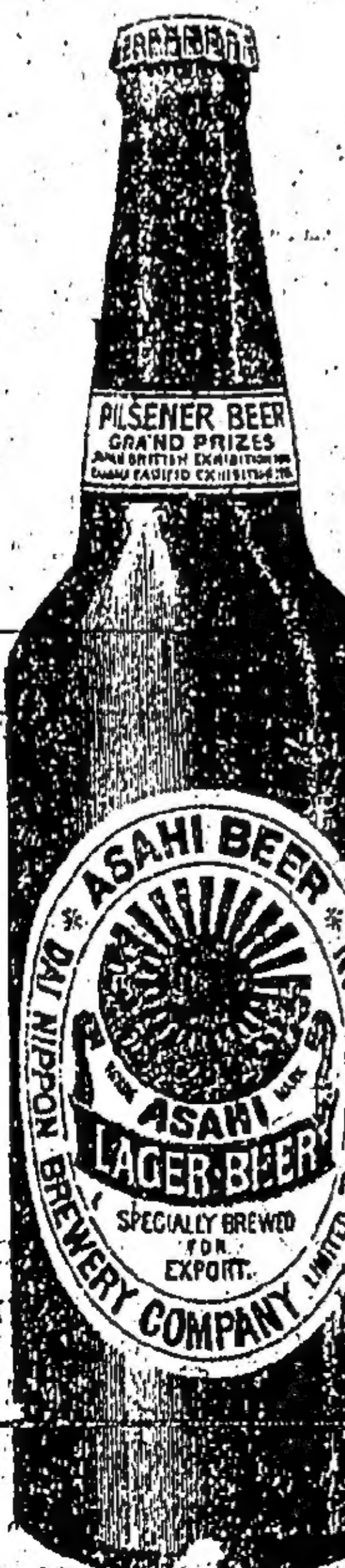
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**Rocket Aeroplanes.**  
Sir Oliver Lodge dealt with new sources of motive-power in an address to a conference on science and labour at Wembley. He thought the remarkable researches into the constitution of the atom by J. J. Thomson, Rutherford, and Bohr might in time yield practical and profitable results. It was an undoubted fact that there were immense stores of energy locked up in atoms of matter and in the ether of space; and it seemed to him quite unlikely that 50 years would pass before some of this energy was tapped and applied to practical purposes. Of course, he said, we are really using it every day of our lives. But it is not yet under control; we use it indirectly.

But there may be physical means of getting it, and the amount is so vast that if we could get only 1 per cent of it we should have a source of power which would put all others into the shade. I can conceive of the aeroplane and steamship and locomotive of the future as propelled rather like a rocket by the reaction from a small quantity of material ejected from the tail at an immensely high speed. And I imagine that the propulsion will go on quietly and without disturbance; because the ether is so massive a substance that if we could find some means of getting hold of it masses of ordinary matter could be propelled with great ease at a speed beyond anything as yet attained. —*Edinburgh Evening Dispatch.*

**Telephonic Distortion.**

One of the useful effects of the comparatively recent introduction and development of the broadcasting of speech—and music by radio telephony—has been to direct a very considerable amount of attention to the design and construction of the telephone apparatus capable of reproducing the sounds in their original form as closely as possible. The problem has, of course, been studied for many years in the development of land line and cable telephony, but the standard to be attained in this class of communication in order to secure intelligible speech at the receiving end is so much lower than that required for the transmission and reception of music which will satisfy a critical ear, that the difficulties involved are greatly reduced. In ordinary telephonic communication, it appears that only about half the syllables are correctly heard in intelligible speech, the remainder being understood from the context, and this fact is sufficiently indicated by the difficulty commonly experienced in transmitting isolated letters, figures, and unfamiliar names. Even at the present stage of the development of radio-telephony, speech and music of excellent quality can be received in head telephones, and even, with some forms of loud speakers in use, the results obtained are quite passable. This is really a very remarkable fact when the many possibilities of distortion existing between the source of sound in the studio of the broadcasting station and the ears of the subscriber are taken into consideration.—*Engineering.*

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nations at the end of the war knew of this gas. But they were unable to manufacture it in sufficient quantities to use it. Chemists have now solved this problem. While the Washington Conference on disarmament was sitting, 200 of the best young chemists in the United States were engaged at Edgewood Arsenal, near Washington, in research on and manufacture of the gas. America now has immense supplies of it. Gas masks will be the only protection, but you cannot train a civilian population to use gas masks in a few minutes. Major Victor Lefebvre, a great authority on chemical warfare, said that at the end of the war there were indications that the Germans were manufacturing in a crude form a more terrible gas than any then in use, and that scientists have since then worked steadily towards perfecting this gas. It will be possible, added Major Lefebvre, for a nation which knows the secret of a really deadly gas to put such a gas barrier round their country that for days no army could cross their territory. About two tons of gas can be carried by one aeroplane, and such an amount would spread death over a quarter of a mile radius of the spot at which it was discharged.—*Daily Express.*

**Prison in The Open Air.**

The title seems a contradiction in itself, for the very word "prison" calls up the idea of incarceration in locked and walled up buildings (says the *Manchester Guardian*). However, there is such a thing, and it is in Holland that very successful experiments have been made with outdoor prisons early in 1923. Sixty prisoners were drafted to the town of Veenhuizen, to serve their term there. Their task was to convert moorland into cultivated field, and they showed themselves very industrious in the undertaking. They are divided into gangs, each containing a few persons, but are not supervised or watched by any sort of warder or official, where prisoners may live in common and advance their social sense, unsubjected to supervision. The foreman of each gang is, however, not a prisoner, but a workman who joins voluntarily. It would not be difficult to escape under such conditions, but no one has hitherto attempted to do so. The environment is much more favourable than in an ordinary prison, and the Dutch Government is about to set up several centres of this sort.

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## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1924.

## KILLING THE GOOSE THAT LAYS THE GOLDEN EGGS.

Rarely has there been a more glaring example of Labour folly than the present moulders' strike. This may sound a sweeping assertion but it is easily proved. Half the men called out did not want to leave their work and were quite content with the wages they were receiving. Indeed many of the men, it is said, did not know that a strike was in the air until after the notices had been served. Nor were they in full sympathy with the original demands presented to the employers—demands which can only be described as fanciful in the extreme. These facts are damning enough, as proving the doubtful faith of the men's leaders, but there are other factors which make the strike even more senseless. Hongkong is fast losing any advantages it once had over rival

centres as a place of cheap labour. Moreover as wages have increased efficiency seems to have declined. How far this latter tendency has applied to moulding we could not say with certainty, but we are reliably informed that moulding costs here are now materially higher than they are in Shanghai. Even more startling is it to learn that they are—actually!—more than those prevailing to-day in the Homeland. Already the Colony has lost several valuable orders through this, and it is obvious that still higher wages will put us out of the running altogether. That prospect would be bad enough if the strikers' demands were just, but when it is remembered that the bulk of the men tacitly admit they are content with the existing wages the outlook becomes really tragic. How can Hongkong hope to maintain, much less to increase, its prosperity, if the workers are going to exploit industry in this reckless manner? Take the moulders alone. They force costs up still higher; orders go elsewhere; the Colony loses revenue; less money circulates

here; local trade declines; industry languishes; and the workers suffer along with the employers. That is why the moulders' strike is only another example of killing the goose that lays the golden eggs. That is why the workers must be made to see that they are, to change the simile, cutting their own throats unless they join with the employers in making a united effort to prevent work going elsewhere.

## High Building Costs.

Reference was made in the *China Mail* a few days ago to high building costs. It was suggested that there was scope for inquiry as to whether present charges were justified and whether measures could be devised to prevent possible profiteering. In fairness to local contractors we now give publicity to a point to which our attention has been drawn by a well-known firm of builders. It is common knowledge that the Government is desirous of assisting contractors by providing them, where possible, with accommodation for materials. Vacant land is rented to contractors on stipulated terms. On the Praya East Reclamation will be seen many such lots marked out and occupied mostly by contractors or firms belonging to kindred trades. An allegation is now made that the Government is charging unduly high rents and because of heavy overhead charges the contractors must increase their prices accordingly. The firm in question goes further by stating that its own experience is that they have had their rentals raised for vacant Crown land. To the layman it appears as though the best way to help the Colony's building difficulties is to charge only nominal rentals and thereby reduce costs. With the housing shortage so acute, increased public revenue from this source seems hardly desirable in view of the consequences involved.

## Port of Hull.

The "Hull Daily Mail" in June issued a supplement to commemorate the British Empire Exhibition of 1924. In a foreword, the Editor stresses the facts that Hull is the third port of the United Kingdom; the cheapest English port; the gateway for world trade of the industrial North; the import and export centre of the great manufacturing towns of the West Riding; the fairway to the North Sea. He adds that the citizens of Hull, at this time of the British Empire Exhibition, realize that most of the delegates to this great rallying centre of the British peoples cannot make personal investigation of their great port, and so take this means of bringing its claims to their notice, and to commend Hull as a first-class business proposition. The supplement, which runs to 58 pages, is replete with information with regard to the industry and activity of the port. Among its well-filled pages we can especially recommend the article entitled "Seven Centuries of Growth." After studying this, the reader will be prepared to tackle the other heavier articles dealing with dock development and facilities for dealing with merchandise of all description, the genesis of the wool trade, etc. The supplement is well illustrated and the letter-press of a type large enough to suit the average reader.

In his book of "Quotable Anecdotes," Mr. D. B. Knox tells the following story: "The Rev. E. Hanson of Chicago, recently lectured on Fools. The Rev. Dr. Vincent, who is somewhat of a wag, introduced him thus: 'We are now to have a lecture on fools by one'—(pause and loud laughter)—'of the wisest men in the country.' The lecturer advanced to the desk and responded as follows: 'I am not half so big a fool as Dr. Vincent'—(pause and loud laughter)—'would have you suppose?'

A moral drawn from the exhaustive test made by a large American taxicab company to prove that speeding through crowded city streets, while highly dangerous, only rarely saves time is the fact which almost all observant motorists must have half convinced themselves of many times, namely, that the general rate of motor traffic in such conditions is an extraordinarily "efficient" speed regulator, which refuses to be disregarded. In this particular instance, it was shown that, of 1,000 test trips, the 500 which were conducted at an attempted reckless speed, with the drivers taking advantage of every trick known to the craft, effected only an insignificant saving of time

over the 500 made at a rate of less than twenty miles an hour, in which every traffic regulation and driving courtesy were carefully observed. Surely such a demonstration ought to convince the average driver once and for all that it is useless to attempt to "beat the traffic" along crowded city thoroughfares.

Pathos from Melbourne—"Oscar Actor." Asche appeared in a new role to-day as an inventor, when he entertained a party of sixteen to a four-course luncheon which he cooked on his "Chau Chin Chow" combined portable cooker and ice-chest. From one side he produced soup, chops and steak, and from the other asparagus off the ice and iced fruit salad. Asche predicted that future generations would remember him as the man who invented the portable cooker. But more likely Asche will be remembered as the man who invented the Champion Stage Stomach.

Mr. Frederick Roberts, of Northgate, Regent's Park, N.W., vice-chairman of Messrs. Boake, Roberts, and Co., manufacturing chemists, Carpenter's-road, Stratford, E. (net personalty, £110.128).

Mr. Alfred Hickman, of Charing, Kent, farmer and cattle sales-man, for more than 30 years a member of the West Ashford Board of Guardians, £52,836.

Col. Charles Hargitt, Johnson, of Thorngholme Hall, near Hedon, Yorkshire, chairman of the Withernsea bench of magistrates, £41,584.

Mr. Emma Smith-Turberville, of 10 Second-avenue, Hove, Sussex, and late of Warwick, in 1911 captain of the women members of the Leamington and County Golf Club £29,160.

Miss Mary Lord, of Neville Court, St John's Wood, N.W. (net £20,001). £20,256.

The Rev. Walter James Sowerby, of Shanklin, Isle of Wight, for 25 years vicar of St. John's, Eltham, Kent £19,930.

Mr. Henry Andrews, of Twyford-avenue, Acton W., a director of Messrs. Spencer, Turner, and Boldero, Lisson-grove, Marylebone-road, N.W., drapers £19,817.

Mr. Thomas Easterby Darley, of Cantelup road, East Grinstead, Sussex, and late of Leeds and Harrogate £18,103.

Mr. Henry Hill Butts, of Great Bookham, Surrey £16,949.

There is a story in NATIONAL "America of George Washington: in no other country would it have point. It seems that once there was an American who couldn't tell a lie.

An Oriental personage was taken to Ascor, and was amazed to see a horse belonging to Rothschild come in first, followed by that of Rosebery, the Premier, the horse of the Prince of Wales tailing off No. 3.

"The proper order," said the violently disturbed monarch, "is first the horse of the Prince, then that of Grand Vizier, and, third, some other horse. Shall you cut off his head?"

As for the English story: "It is a fine day; let's go out and kill something," it is not at all typical. The real story runs something like this: An Englishman in a Paris restaurant knocked down a French waiter for one of the many reasons for which Englishmen do knock people down. The waiter, a spiteful man, died. Up came the agitated proprietor.

"Sacre!" he shouted frenziedly, "you ave kill ze waiter!"

"Send me some soup—hot—and," glancing at the floor, "put him in the bill."

## Current Comment.

(Mah Jongg.)

At the outset one must make the humblest of apologies to those readers who are convinced that the above is not the proper way in which to describe this fascinating Chinese game, says the *Journal of Commerce* (Liverpool). We favour the above spelling, however, because it is the appellation that is probably most familiar, and to the numerous class who don't know the first thing about it this name—like that of the rose—will do just as well as any other. Suffice it to say that this popular Chinese game has "caught on" in the States, and is making decided headway in this country too, and the much-complicated sets are to be found in houses whose owners but dimly understand its mysteries. The popularity of the game has given rise to an important trade in the States and to a lesser extent elsewhere. It has been found that the ideal material for the manufacture of Mah Jongg sets is the shingle of cattle, and Chinese agents are scouring the States in the effort to secure as much of this material as possible for as a cow has only four shins, and they are only a small part of her osseous product, the supply is by no means unlimited. The time may yet come when the careful housewife will be impelled to look sharply after the butcher (if they

are not withheld by that individual) in order to cke out the diminishing supplies of material for the manufacture of Mah Jongg sets. Meanwhile a very considerable trade is now going on between the Pacific ports of the United States and China in this commodity.

## To-day's Poem.

(Lines to a Critic.)

Honey from silkworms who can gather,  
Of silk from the yellow bee?  
The grass may grow in winter weather,  
As soon as hate in me.

Hate men who cant, and men who pray,  
And men who rail like thee:  
An equal passion to repay—  
They are not coy like me.

Or seek some slave of power and gold  
To be thy dear heart's mate,  
Thy love will move that bigot cold  
Sooner than me, thy hate.

A passion like the one I prove  
Cannot divided be:  
I hate thy want of truth and love,  
How should I then hate thee?  
—Shelley.

## WEATHER CALENDAR.

JULY 11.

1734. I have pity'd you extremely for travelling in such sultry weather. I was almost overcome with the heat in coming here yesterday. We find the trees blighted, the flowers decayed, and the place not at all in beauty.  
—Lady Bute at Luton.

## THOUGHTS FROM THE GREEKS.

Thou hast the wealth of a rich man, but the soul of a poor one. Oh, thou rich for thy heirs, but poor for thyself.—Lucilius.

If you suppose that the nourishing of a beard gives a claim to wisdom, then a well-bearded goat is a skilful Plato.—Lucian.

The physician neither drenched me, nor felt my pulse; but, being ill of a fever, I remembered his name—and died.—Nidarchus.

A fool, bitten by many fleas, put out the light, saying, "You no longer see me."—Lucian.

All life is a scene and a sort. Either learn to play, laying aside wearisome pursuits, or bear up against sorrow.—Palladas.

## SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

July 11.—Coronet Theatre; May McAvoy in "Her Reputation"; July 11.—The Star Theatre; May Allison in "The Walk Offs"; July 11.—World Theatre; "Daddies";

July 11.—Queen's Theatre; William Farnum in "The Adventurer";

July 12.—Grand Open Air Concert in aid of M.C.L. on the lawn at Water Police Station, 9.30 p.m.

SOCIAL.  
July 11.—"Garden Party" at Club de Recoito, from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.

July 12.—Dancing "at Club Lusitano, 9 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.  
July 11.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, 20 cases Cotton Cloth, 11 a.m.

July 23.—Lammert Bros., at 180, The Peak, valuable leasehold property, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETING.  
September 16.—Extraordinary general meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, noon.

October 3.—Second meeting of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.

October 20.—Third meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.

OTHER MEETING.  
July 14.—Extraordinary General meeting of the Peak Club, 6.30 p.m.

## SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Messrs Joseph Gould & Co. kindly supply the following share quotations, ruling on the Shanghai market at the opening of business this morning:—  
Langkats 18 Buyers.  
Ewos 10 3/4 Buyers.  
New Engineering 6.35 Buyers.  
Shanghai Docks 100 Buyers.  
Orientals 3.40 Buyers.  
Shanghai Cottons 55 Buyers.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

One case of enteric and one case of puerperal fever, both Chinese, were reported on Wednesday.

A telegram from Osaka states that the street-car strike has been settled and the men have promised to resume work to-morrow.

A Japanese military mission has arrived in England for a fortnight's study to study military affairs. It will then return to the Continent.

It is announced from the London headquarters that the fourth conference of the International Union against Tuberculosis will be held at Lausanne on August 5, 6 and 7.

When the s.s. "Ho Sang" arrived in port yesterday from Calcutta and Singapore, it was reported that a female Chinese deck passenger had died during the voyage. She was believed to have been suffering from consumption.

Messrs. Tai Yau and Company announce that during their opening season sale they are offering special bargains in summer suitings, details of which will be found in our advertisement columns.

According to the Ugan correspondent of the *Radio News Agency*, Peking, the expedition under the Tibetan explorer, Colonel Kozlov, has discovered, near Ugan, a group of burial mounds of great antiquity. They are said to contain the remains of Chinese princes.

It is stated that there are likely to be alterations at all the stopping places on the Peak turnpike. It has been practically settled that the system of selling tickets in the cars is to be stopped in favour of the turnstile system. Plans are being prepared and turnstiles will be installed at all halts. There are to be separate entrances for season ticket holders.

The Colonial Office, after consulting the British Missions Committee, have agreed that German missionary societies may again be recognised in colonies, protectorates and mandated territories on the same terms as other foreign missionary societies. The British Government reserves the freedom to consider questions affecting the appointment of individual missionaries in Tanganyika and other mandated territories.

Monday next, July 14, being the French National Fete, the Consul for France will have the honour to receive at his official residence, 13, Peak Road, between 11.30 a.m. and 1 p.m. the members of the French Community, British officials, officers and his foreign colleagues and friends, who may wish to call on that occasion. This year there will be no reception in the evening. The Chancery of the Consulate will be closed all day on July 14th.—Adv't.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has accepted the Government's invitation to visit South Africa next year.

The late Mr. Edward Guy Hillier, of the Hongkong-Shanghai Bank at Peking, left estate valued at £56,523.

A message from Christiania states that the Queen of the Netherlands and Prince Henry have arrived at Trondheim from Sweden. They intend staying a week at Romsdalen.

Passengers who left for Manila by the "Empress of Canada" yesterday included Capt. and Mrs. J. S. Cry, Capt. Dingley, Mr. Paul M. Hodgson, Capt. M. Morales, Capt. and Mrs. C. A. Newcombe, Justice and Mrs. E. Finley Johnson.

The Lewes (East Sussex) by-election, held owing to Lt. Col. Camplin's appointment as Governor of Western Australia, resulted as follows: Captain Tufton Beamish, (Conservative) 9,584; Captain Basil Hall, (Labour) 6,112; Mr. Howard Williams (Liberal) 2,718. At the General Election Lt. Col. Camplin polled 9,474 and Captain Basil Hall, 6,422.

A very successful dance was held in the R. A. Theatre, Stonecutters, on Wednesday. This was the initial social entertainment under the auspices of the newly formed branch of the Royal Artillery Association. The M.C. announced the first waltz at 8 p.m., and within a very few minutes dancing was in full swing and continued until midnight. Owing to the typhoon signals many of the usual visitors were deprived of a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

## AVIATORS HONOURED.

RECEPTION AT CLUB LUSITANO.

TRIBUTE TO BRITISH AVIATION.

The artistic design of an aeroplane over the main entrance to the Club Lusitano yesterday was in honour of the Portuguese world fliers and in the afternoon a reception was held at the Club to mark the completion of their flight. Practically the whole of the Portuguese community was present also prominent officials of the Colony.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Reginald Stubbs, on his arrival was welcomed at the entrance to the Club by the Portuguese Consul-General, Mr. A. L. Cerveria de Albuquerque e Castro and conducted up the staircase past the landing where was the broken propeller of the airman's "Patria" machine with the national colours of Portugal, beneath, to the Luiz Camoes Hall near the entrance to which was a cleverly executed plan of the route taken by the airman in their flight from Lisbon to Macao. The Hall itself was prettily decorated.

## The Governor's Speech:

The health of the airman was toasted and His Excellency said it gave him great pleasure to be present at that meeting in honour of the Portuguese aviators and to congratulate them on the honour they had done to themselves and to Portugal. He hoped to hear of them taking part in many more great flights and he wished them all success.

Major Brito Paes, the Portuguese leader, in reply, said the completion of their flight was due to the action of his British aviator colleagues and as the representatives of Portuguese aviation here he and his fellow aviator would like to thank all of them in the name of the Portuguese Aviation Corps.

## Consul-General Replies.

The Portuguese Consul-General then addressed the gathering and congratulated the airman on their flight from Lisbon to Macao which had not been without stirring and exciting incidents but which had happily terminated in their passing over Macao and landing on the borders of British territory at Samcheun. He thanked His Excellency for his presence which was another token of his goodwill to the Portuguese community of Hongkong who were greatly sensible to and appreciative of his association with them in their rejoicing and welcome to the Portuguese aviators.

The Consul-General then handed to each of the airman a gold cigarette case and a cheque subscribed for by the community. The cigarette cases contained the inscription "Lisbon-Macao Flight. Souvenir from the Portuguese Community of Hongkong." On the reverse side is engraved the coat of arms of the Portuguese Aviation Corps.

Among those present were the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., Mr. Justice Gompertz, Mr. A. Dyer Ball, Mr. H. W. Bird, Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. G. M. Young, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. and Mrs. Champkin, Mr. Teesdale Mackintosh, Col. Robertson, Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. de Martin, Mr. L. J. Blackburn, the Rev. Father Spada, Father Robert, Mr. Chou Sui-ki and Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, the Consul-General of Japan, Mr. S. Takahashi, Commander Bivar of the "Patria," Mrs. Leiria, the Misses Loureiro, Mrs. Magalhães Carres, the wife of the Macao Harbour Master, and many others. The following Committee were in charge of the arrangements for the reception:—Messrs. E. H. Aquino, I.S.O., J. L. de S. Alves, J. d'Almeida, Miss M. Basto, Messrs. J. H. Botelho, J. P. Braga, Mrs. J. M. Brito, Messrs. F. H. Barnes, J. M. Brito, M. F. Baptista, L. d'Almeida e Castro, Mrs. A. C. Albuquerque e Castro, Messrs. E. J. de Figueiredo, A. A. Guterres, D. P. J. Lopes, E. da Luz, Miss Loureiro, Messrs. A. F. Osmond, J. G. Ozorio, Dr. F. M. Graca Ozorio, A. F. B. Silva Netto, E. V. M. R. de Souza, F. P. de V. Soares, A. H. Silva, H. Sequeira, F. Silva, J. M. G. Pereira, S. Pinna, Mrs. C. A. da Rosa, Messrs. J. M. Rocha, Julio Ribeiro, P. A. Rosario, C. A. da Rosa, F. A. V. Ribeiro, F. E. A. Remedios, G. Yvanovich.

The decorations had been arranged by Mr. M. F. Baptista and Mr. F. A. V. Ribeiro.

Property of the value of \$1,000 which had been reported missing from the s.s. "Tai Yuan" was found by the Water Police yesterday in a camphor wood box in the coal-bunkers of the ship. The property consisted of silk hosiery. No arrests have been made.







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## CORRESPONDENCE.

MIXED BATHING  
IMMODEST?

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir—Mixed bathing has its attractions for a good many Europeans who seem to have lost the sense of the propriety with which they should conduct themselves before the eyes of hundreds of Chinese.

Residents of Hongkong need not be told that our Chinese neighbours have an entirely different conception of how people should conduct themselves in public. I was at St. James's public beach this evening and the remarks I overheard from two groups of Chinese would have certainly shocked the party of European ladies and gentlemen who were playing—they certainly were not swimming—within the public enclosure.

The difference in the bathing costumes worn out here and those at home ought to remind the younger generation of the accepted standards here. If they would only be so sensible that there must be some reason for this difference they would conduct themselves in such a manner that the Chinese would have no further cause to sneer at their morals.

Yours, etc.

Hongkong, July 9.

## SHORTHAND.

The results of the examinations held last March have arrived from England and are as follows:

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, KOWLOON.  
Elementary Certificate.—Miss Mary O. Edwards, Miss Marjorie Martin, Miss Irene Linn.

Theory Certificate.—Miss Minnie Noronha, Miss Daisy Whitchell.  
80 Words per minute Certificate.—Miss Leonora Xavier, Miss Helen Jorg, Miss Hortencia Jorg, Miss Gissy L. M. Hast, Miss Betty Davidson, Miss Edith Dixon, Miss Mercedes Rosario, Miss Dorothy M. Lyon, Miss Hattie Noronha, Miss Aleitha A. Hirst, Miss Bertha Smith, Mrs. Eliza Ozorio.

100 Words per minute Certificate.—Miss Avelina Souza, Miss Eileen Bliss, Miss Fannie Rutledge, Miss Leonora Xavier, Miss Edith Dixon, Miss Laura Gomes, Miss Marjorie White, Miss Marie Rosario, Miss Ada M. Peppercell, Miss Mercedes Rosario, Miss Gissy L. M. Hast, Miss Hortencia Jorg, Miss Helen Jorg, Miss Leonora Noronha, Miss Eileen Leonard, Miss Betty Davidson, Miss Dorothy M. Lyon, Miss Marjorie Scott, Mrs. Eliza Ozorio.

120 Words per minute Certificate.—Miss Marie Rosario, Miss Avelina Souza, Miss Laura Gomes, Miss Marjorie White, Miss Eileen Bliss.

140 Words per minute Certificate.—Miss Rita Xavier, Miss Beatrice Bliss.

ST. JOSEPH'S BRITISH SCHOOL, KOWLOON.  
100 Words per minute Certificate.—Mr. Terence A. Leonard, Mr. Peter Pau, Mr. Adelina V. Gosano.

The students in the above schools were coached by Mr. T. F. O'Sullivan, F.I.P.S., P.C.T.

## UNPAID LIKEN.

## STEAMER NOW RELEASED.

(Reuter's Service.)

SHANGHAI, July 11.  
The advertising steamer, belonging to the Oriental Press, flying the French flag, which was arrested at Woshu by Chinese officials on July 5, on the ground that it had not been paid on the cigarettes on board, has been released unconditionally.

It is understood that the release is largely owing to the action of Mr. Hsu Yuan, the special Commissioner for Foreign Affairs.

## COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

## NAM PAK HONG MARKETS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations, basis usual guild terms, were as follows:

Java sugar, average quality, per picul net—*Figures* No. 24 rough white—July delivery \$10.83, August delivery 10.33, September delivery 10.23. *Spot*—No. 24 rough white \$11.53, No. 24 fine white 13.50, No. 18 rough brown 11.93, Java brown 10.80.

Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.—*Sperry's XXX* \$3.58, *White Greens* 2.85, *Nutmeg Orange* 2.83, *Kingsfisher* 2.90, *Maize* 2.70, *Big Gun* 2.80, *Globe* 2.68, *Old Mill* 2.72, *Reindeer* 2.65, *Melpo* 2.68, *C. & C.* 2.68, *Dayton* 2.79, *Banana* 2.72, *Kwan Tao* 2.75.

Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net—No. 1 Siam long white \$9.20, No. 1 Siam long white 7.50.

## THE WIDOWS NOW.

## ANOTHER TAXATION PROTEST.

## APPEAL TO DR. SUN YAT-SEN.

Labourers are not the only ones in Canton who are forced to organize for the protection of their rights against the military yoke. According to a preliminary announcement published in the *Sun Kwok Wai Po* of July 5, the widows and orphans claim that the contribution of 40 per cent. of their annual income from rent proceeds is much more than they can bear. The widows are appealing to Dr. Sun to withdraw his order declaring their lands and buildings confiscated for not paying the required special war assessment of 3 per cent. on their property in the form of title deed examination fees before October 1, 1924. During the land requisition period in the latter part of 1923 and early 1924, when military agents visited every house to discover persons occupying land once public, those unprotected property owners had to go to considerable expense to preserve their holdings.

## LEGAL AID SOCIETY.

## HELPING CANTON'S POOR.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

A legal aid society is being formed in Canton to offer free legal advice and assistance to persons in difficulty but too poor to engage lawyers on their own behalf. The society has taken quarters at Tai Ping Loo, Canton, and will engage eight solicitors to give free consultations to those needing legal assistance.

## RETRIBUTION?

Two boys have been admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from wounds received as the result of being knocked over by motors.

One of the boys, who was knocked down in Queen's road by a Connaught Garage car, was running away from a hawk at the time and did not notice the car coming. He was grasping in his hand an aerated water bottle which he had stolen. His injuries are not serious.

## QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"The Adventurer," starring William Farnum, will end its successful run at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow night. This picture can be described as the film version of that famous opera, "Mariana," which many have heard with great pleasure. Some of the court scenes of the times of Charles II of Spain are well worth seeing and interest in the plot is ably sustained.

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## MIDNIGHT STRUGGLE.

## NATHAN ROAD SENSATION RECALLED.

## YESTERDAY'S INQUEST.

The midnight struggle of a European with a Chinese assailant, who had entered his flat, was recalled at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon when Mr. E. W. Hamilton resumed his enquiry into the death of the assailant who it will be remembered, fell into the road from the verandah in attempting to escape by the rope with which he had effected an entrance.

The attack was made on Mr. H. W. Page, of the Dairy Farm Company at his flat in Nathan road on June 4.

At the previous hearing the medical evidence only had been taken. Several witnesses were called who had heard the noise of the struggle, one of them being Dr. S. S. Strahan, of 36 Nathan Road, who said he was awakened between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. by the sounds of groans and shouting. He saw a figure appear on the opposite verandah and fall over into the street. Witness first examined the man in the street in whom life was extinct and then went up to Mr. Page's flat and dressed his wounds. His little finger was bitten off.

There were signs of a prolonged struggle with a savage aggressor. Mr. J. A. S. Alves who went with the two constables to the flat and heard the sounds of the struggle from behind the closed door, also gave evidence of the door being broken in. When they got inside Mr. Page was standing in the room and told them the man was on the verandah. They rushed on to it and saw the man's body lying below.

Mr. H. W. Page said that he went to bed at about 11.15 p.m. on June 3. He was awakened by his dog jumping on the bed and barking. He saw a man standing a few feet away from the bedside with something glistening in his hand. Witness immediately jumped out of bed, and had got his legs under when the man made a spring at him and caught him by the throat.

Mr. Page went on to describe the struggle which ensued. It was carried on, he said, from one side of the room to the other, and lasted about 20 minutes. During the fight, the assailant bit off the little finger of witness' left hand.

A loud knocking sounded on the front door, and the intruder went out on to the verandah. Just before the door was burst open, witness heard a very heavy dull thud in the street. He gauged the length of the struggle by his having noticed in its early stages that the clock on the mantel-piece said 2.25. A few minutes after the departure of his opponent he looked at the clock again, and the time was then 2.50. Witness obtained a view of his opponent during the struggle. He had never seen him before.

Detective-Sergeant Doring gave evidence of finding the body and of seeing the rope suspended from the roof of the building. The man's identity was not known though every possible effort had been made to establish it.

Mr. Hamilton found that the deceased, an unknown Chinese male, died from a fracture of the skull caused by falling from an upper storey into Nathan Road.

## OPIUM TRADE.

## CANTON RETAILERS RESIST TAXES.

## BUSINESS SUSPENDED.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Retail opium traffic in Canton, as far as the smoking dens are concerned, stopped from July 8 as a protest against the extra police tax levied by the Canton Public Safety Bureau. There are more than 800 opium smoking dens in the city and they are protected by the Hunanese mercenaries of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. The Canton Public Safety Bureau expected to receive some \$24,000 yearly for giving this traffic special protection. The opium traffic brings in a daily income of from \$5,000 to \$8,000 through a government bureau in charge of the sale monopoly and the granting of permits to conduct retail shops, etc. The opium retailing and smoking dens in Canton, at a meeting held on July 8, decided to organize a guild, suspend trade from one o'clock in the afternoon that day, and to request the director of the opium bureau to effect a compromise with the public safety bureau regarding the police taxes. It was the opinion of the opium retailers that the public safety bureau should receive a part of the opium income daily.

## A CHARGE OF FORGERY.

## MAN WHO "TOOK A BOOK OF CHEQUES."

## CURIOUS COURT STORY.

Charges of forging a cheque of the value of \$50, and of obtaining goods by means of a worthless cheque were preferred against Charles L. Clarke, (26) at the British Consular Court, Peking. The alleged offences were committed last May, Clarke being arrested last week in Mukden.

Major Herbert, who prosecuted, explained that in the first case Clarke was alleged to have made out a cheque with the signature "A. H. Mackay, International Express Company" and to have sent the cheque by coolie messenger to a Mr. Mildner of the Imperial Hotel. Clarke wrote in an accompanying letter that he was unable to cash the cheque as the bank had closed and he requested Mr. Mildner to cash it for him. This Mr. Mildner did, but when the cheque was presented to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank it was dishonoured as the signature was not Mr. Mackay's.

Evidence was given by three witnesses, and Clarke was committed for trial at the Supreme Court. In answer to His Honour, Clarke said that he pleaded guilty, and that he had nothing further to say.

His Honour: You realise, of course, that your plea may be used in evidence against you—Clarke: Will this go to the Supreme Court?

His Honour: It is too serious a matter to be dealt with by this Court—Clarke: Then I will reserve my defence. As stated, Clarke was committed for trial. In the second case, that of obtaining goods by means of a worthless cheque, a Chinese printer residing in Peking, stated that he supplied \$150 worth of paper to Clarke. Witness did not wish to take a Tientsin cheque, but was assured by Clarke that it was quite in order. The manager of the firm, however, refused to take it, and when witness went back to the hotel to get the cash, he found that Clarke had already left. Witness at once went to Tientsin, but was unable to find Clarke, and on presenting the cheque at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, he was informed that Clarke had no account there.

Clarke (cross-examining): Wasn't that cheque given to you by another man for some opium? Witness: No.

Witness denied that he dealt in opium. Another Chinese employee of the firm gave evidence, and also denied that the firm had ever been concerned in opium transactions. This witness was called at Clarke's own request. Prisoner said he desired to call him at the preliminary hearing as the Chinese would be able to concoct some story between them before the Supreme Court hearing.

Giving evidence on oath, Clarke told a curious story of an alleged opium deal, in which the dishonoured cheque played a part. He declared that a German friend of his approached him with the request that he should sell some opium, but this Clarke refused to do. Later on the German asked if he could help him pay the Chinese firm \$150 for the opium. On the understanding that the cheque would not be cashed, and that it would be used only as security, Clarke made out a cheque for that amount, and the German handed it to the Chinese who had given evidence in Court. "I admit that I was foolish enough to write out the cheque," said Clarke. Afterwards, when he went to get the cheque back again, Clarke discovered that the German had gone, and becoming frightened, he went to Mukden.

His Honour: Where did you get the cheque from?—Clarke: From Mr. Mackay.

Did you take the book of cheques?—I took it from Mr. Mackay's office.

Did you explain to the German that you had no money at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank?—Yes, he knew very well that I gave him only as security. I told him that he must not cash it, and he said that he would return it to me.

Major Herbert: Then why didn't the German sign it? It would have been just as easy, and just as much security.—Clarke: The Chinese knew his handwriting, and that he had no money.

His Honour: But would you call the cheque security? You know that you were deceiving the Chinese.

Clarke asked the Court to dismiss the charge, pointing out that there were discrepancies in the evidence given by the Chinese. His Honour, however, considered that a case had been made out, and committed Clarke for trial on this charge also.

According to our special correspondent, Chan Lim-pak, Commander-in-Chief of the Kwangtung Merchants' Volunteer Corps, has issued a general order to all division corps in the districts instructing them to be ready for flood relief service.

## USSURI RAILWAY.

## TRAFFIC RESUMED.

A Peking message to the *Daily Bulletin*, dated July 10, reads:—The transference to the Central Administration of Far Eastern Russia, which had occupied most of the month of June, was completed on June 30, and traffic on the Ussuri Railway, which has been disorganised during its transfer to the Siberian Government, was resumed normally on July 1.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Chinese market inspector died at his home this morning as the result of wounds received in a fracas in the Western Market.

The attention of those anxious to raise money on first-class mortgage security, subject to a trustee valuation, is called to our advertisement columns. Messrs. Deacons, 1 Des Voeux Road, have \$425,000 available.

An interim dividend of £3 per share, subject to deduction of income tax, has been declared by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for the half-year, ending June 30. As will be seen from our advertisement columns, the dividend will be payable on Monday, August 11 at the rate of 2s. 4½d. per dollar.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Departures by the P. & O. s.s. "Devanah" included: Capt. Sturges, Mr. C. T. Oliphant, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Wilkinson, Mr. R. Sangster, Mr. B. D. Taylor, Mr. J. G. Campbell and Miss M. V. Summer.

The following arrived here by the P. & O. s.s. "Karnala" this morning: Miss R. A. Gracie, Miss Cooper, Mrs. E. Lambie, Miss M. Cumming, Mr. F. J. Keenan, Mr. E. M. Corree, Mr. J. C. Britto, Mr. J. F. Nicoll, Mr. P. Shay, Mr. Malcolm.

The many friends of Mr. William G. Lawson, of the Standard Oil Co., Kennedy Town, will be pleased to learn that his son, William, born here 19 years ago, has obtained his degree of Bachelor of Commerce at Aberdeen University.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY the 28th July to SATURDAY the 9th August 1924 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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A. H. BARLOW,

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# NORMAN W. BOWLER. CHARGED WITH FRAUD IN SHANGHAI.

AN "INTELLECTUAL YOUNG MAN."

Norman W. Bowler made another appearance in H. M. Police Court, this time being brought before Mr. G. W. King upon five charges of having obtained goods by false pretences and with intent to defraud. These charges were: On June 11, obtaining a pair of shoes valued at \$8.50, from Messrs. Squires, Bingham; June 18, obtaining a silver cigarette case, valued at \$60, from Messrs. J. Ullmann & Co., Nanking Road; June 28, obtaining from the Shanghai Horse Bazaar a Studebaker car valued at \$1,800; June 28, obtaining from Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. a camera, case and films worth \$60.00; July 1, obtaining from the Young Photo Co. a camera, case and films worth \$58.00.

In reply to a question by the Magistrate as to what had happened to the motor-car, Mr. Maitland, for the prosecution, said the police found it outside Eddie's Café and returned it to the Horse Bazaar.

The Magistrate then asked because this is the only charge in which there is any great deal of money at stake. The others are comparatively small amounts. As I see the case at present, I propose to try the accused summarily.

Mr. Maitland, in opening the case for the prosecution, said the charges were all similar in effect. In two cases, Bowler gave his address as being that of a respectable newspaper, the *Far Eastern Review*, and on the strength of that he was given credit. In the other cases he gave different addresses, and in one signed himself "W. Bowen," of 16 Jinkee Road—an address he had never inhabited. He had never had anything to do with the *Far Eastern Review*.

## ARRESTED AT CAFÉ.

Det. Sub-Inspector Hunter informed the court that at 1 o'clock on Thursday he arrested accused at Eddie's Café, Broadway. As witness had then the warrant, he asked accused to accompany him to Central Police Station, which Bowler did. They drove round in a Studebaker car which witness saw standing outside the café when he entered. Accused made no reply to the charge, which was that of having obtained a camera from Messrs. Watson by false pretences.

Mr. W. C. Rea, manager of the *Far Eastern Review* and publisher of the *Asiatic Motor* 16 Jinkee Road, stated that accused called upon him some time in May and asked for a job on the *Far Eastern Review*, but was told there was no position then available. Witness suggested that he might go out and get advertisements and subscriptions for the *Asiatic Motor*, and work strictly on a commission basis, and accused agreed. He had nothing at all to do with the *Far Eastern Review*.

Mr. Maitland produced a receipt for \$3, given to a Chinese and signed by accused, but witness said he had never received any *Asiatic Motor* subscription from accused. Witness added that accused had an authority to use the *Far Eastern Review* office as his address.

In answer to the Magistrate, witness said there was no connection at all between the *Asiatic Motor* and the *Far Eastern Review*.

Accused: They are both situated in the same office. If a person employed by one brought in an advertisement for the other, would you accept it?

Witness: I should not turn it down.

Accused asked for an adjournment until the afternoon, to enable him to obtain legal assistance, and his application was granted.

When the proceedings were resumed in the afternoon, Bowler announced that he had not been able to obtain a lawyer, but added he "I think it possible we might proceed with the case."

His Worship agreed.

## GARAGE MANAGER'S EVIDENCE.

The case of the Studebaker car was first dealt with, and Mr. D. S. M. Frazer, manager of the Shanghai Horse Bazaar Motor Department, gave evidence. He said that the proposed purchase of the car by accused was first dealt with by their salesman, and on June 28 he saw accused. An agreement was made whereby accused was to pay \$1,200 down and the balance of \$1,600 on the 2nd instant. Witness, the salesman, and accused then signed the agreement. Accused, whose name witness understood was "Bowen," called on the Saturday and asked if he might be allowed to take the car without paying the deposit, saying that he was putting through a deal and would pay in full on the following Wednesday. He said it was some big Chinese business, but did not go into detail. Witness took it for granted that the money would be forthcoming on the Wednesday.

## SAID DEFENDANT WAS A BROKER.

The Magistrate: Why did you take it for granted?

Witness: Well, I took his word. The salesman told me he was a broker, and I let him have the car. I never saw him again

# BRITISH TRADE. FIGURES FOR JUNE.

(Reuter's Service)

Britain's imports during June amounted to £28,501,000, compared with £29,307,000 for June 1923. The exports totalled £62,024,000, against £62,883,000 in June last year. The re-exports totalled £10,023,000, as compared with £10,954,000.

until this morning. The car was returned by the police.

Accused—I did not even suggest I should take the car. Don't you remember saying that the deposit did not make much difference?

Witness: It did not make much difference if you were going to pay on the Wednesday.

G. Händvick, formerly employed as a salesman by the Horse Bazaar Co., described how, upon accused calling about a friend's car which was in the garage, they fell into conversation about other cars and the purchase of a Studebaker by accused was discussed. At Bowler's request, witness took him for a run round in the car, and three days later he called again, went out in the car, and then said he would buy it. The agreement, as stated by the last witness, was signed and, upon witness pointing out that accused's signature was not quite clear and asking how he spelled his name, accused answered "Bowen." He attached this signature in block letters, to the application for a licence.

## BOWLER'S BIG BUSINESS DEAL.

In answer to the Magistrate, witness said he made no inquiries as to what accused's business was, because it was a "cash transaction." On the Saturday he called at the garage, mentioned that he was putting through some big Chinese transaction—something to do with ships—and added that it was then too late to go to the bank for the £1,200 deposit. Witness referred the matter to Mr. Frazer, who said: "Let him have the car. It will be quite all right." The car was accordingly handed over to accused, who gave his address as 16 Jinkee Road.

Mr. Maitland: Had you known he was not a broker and that he was living in the Y.M.C.A., would you have let him have the car?

Witness: I don't know. He said he was going to pay cash. He would not have had it had I known he was Norman W. Bowler.

With regard to the camera purchased from Messrs. Watson, Mr. J. S. Chisholm gave evidence as to having served the accused. He seemed a very capable and well-spoken young gentleman, said witness. "I interested him in a much more expensive camera than the one he asked for and said that, if money was no object, it was the better instrument. He replied that money was an object and that he had better take the cheaper instrument which he did." He said he would send a cheque if he would send the bill to the *Far Eastern Review* office.

## VERY INTELLECTUAL YOUNG MAN.

"Why did you let him take it away?—Because of his appearance and his manner of speaking. He seemed a very intellectual young man, and his honesty seemed to be vouched for by his taking the cheaper camera instead of the expensive one. He signed 'W. Bowen,' and gave the name of a respectable firm, the *Far Eastern Review*."

Had I known he was Norman W. Bowler he would certainly not have had the camera. Witness added that the camera had not been paid for, as promised, and that he communicated with the police upon finding that accused was not in the employ of the *Far Eastern Review*.

A Chinese pawnbroker, doing business in Woosung Road, gave evidence as to this camera having been pawned by the accused, who had been to his place on several previous occasions.

## Pawned Cigarette Case for \$7.

The charge preferred by Messrs. Ullmann's was next taken, complaining assistant saying that he allowed accused to have the silver cigarette case on credit upon his saying he was employed in the office of the *Far Eastern Review*. Other evidence was given that accused pawned the cigarette case for \$7, at another pawnshop in Woosung Road.

In the case of the camera obtained from the Young Photo Co., an assistant stated that he allowed accused to have the camera on credit because he signed in the usual way foreigners did, and it was not a rule for foreigners to behave so badly as accused had done. Also, accused drove up in a motor-car, and witness thought he was trustworthy and would not cheat for such a small amount.

In this case, a pawnbroker gave evidence that the camera was pawned for \$18.

## Hot Weather Diseases.

Disorders of the bowels are extremely dangerous, particularly during the hot weather of the summer months and in order to protect yourself and family against a sudden attack, get a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It can be depended upon for sale everywhere.

# WORLD AVIATORS. FLIGHT FROM HONGKONG TO SHANGHAI.

MACLAREN'S OWN STORY.

A "North-China Daily News" representative was granted an interesting conversation with Major Maclaren at H. M. Consulate in the course of which the journey from Hongkong to Shanghai was described in detail.

"We took off the water from Hongkong, just behind Stonecutters Island, at 9.30 on Wednesday morning," he related, "and a large crowd came down to see us off. There were a number of launches, the usual hooting of sirens and letting off of crackers, etc., and after circling the harbour once we set off on our course. We experienced some rather bumpy weather at first, but the day was clear and calm, excepting for a few low clouds. We kept well out to sea, and with a slight, but favourable wind, averaged some 85 miles per hour and alighted in Pagoda Anchorage at Foochow at 2.35 p.m.

"Everything was there waiting for us. The Asiatic Petroleum Company, as usual, had made all the arrangements and provided us with a launch which towed us to the buoy."

## CHINESE AUTHORITIES' HELP.

"On our arrival at Foochow," he said, "we found that something from the machine, probably a nut or a bolt or something of the sort, had flown out into the propeller, chipping the blades rather badly. The accident might have been more serious had it not been for the assistance very kindly extended to us by the Chinese authorities at the port, and that same evening we had everything repaired and O.K. We spent the night aboard a steamer that was handy to the machine. We were not able to get into Foochow itself, owing to the fact that the Pagoda Anchorage is some distance out."

"We left Foochow punctually at 7 o'clock in the morning. The day was fine and bright and there was no wind on the surface. The wind when we started was very slight, but was again with us. When we reached Goodridge Point, however, shortly before 10 o'clock, quite a strong wind was blowing. After Wenchow Point we met with heavy clouds which obscured the land from view and further on ran into more low lying clouds. We sighted Shanghai at about eleven o'clock and landed in the river at 11.25."

"In reply to a question as to how he found the landing place here, Major Maclaren replied: 'Oh very easily indeed, we could see it from a long way off, and the cross helped us considerably. There was no difficulty about that at all. With regard to the wind direction, the smoke from the ships in port was sufficient to give us that.'"

"Were the machines you used both of the same pattern?" Major Maclaren was asked.

"Exactly," came the reply, "They are both Vickers' Vulture amphibious flying boats. Their behaviour throughout the trip has been perfectly wonderful. With the exception of those two incidents, at Kofu and in the Sind desert the engine have not even missed once. On the two occasions I just mentioned the trouble was due to the reduction gear, and in neither case was the machine at all damaged. As for the smash at Akyab, that was due almost entirely to the weather. Certainly you could not find a better type of machine to-day than this for the work."

When the *North-China Daily News* representative passed the remark that he supposed all idea of a race had been dropped by now, the aviator answered at once: "There never was any question of a race at all. The two expeditions are so entirely different. The one is a well organized affair backed by millions from the Government, the other, our show, is purely and simply a private venture. Vickers have supplied us with the machines, Napier's with the engines, and the A.P.C. with oil and petrol and general arrangements en route."

"Well, how do the Royal Air Force figure in the matter?" he was asked.

"They don't," replied Major Maclaren.

"Technically speaking, then, you are on leave?"

## JUST TAKING A HOLIDAY.

"Of course" was the answer. "I am on half pay and the Air Force has nothing at all to do with the matter. I am on leave purely and simply. Just taking a holiday, that is all, only instead of big game shooting or something of a similar nature we are doing this. Of course," he added, "we should like to get round first."

Major Maclaren also had something to say about the action of the United States destroyers "Paul Jones" and "William B. Preston" in bringing the new machine to him at Akyab.

"It was a wonderfully sporting thing to do," he said. "Indeed it is one of the best things I have ever heard of."

# INCHCOLM ABBEY. MYSTERY ISLAND OPEN TO PUBLIC.

ISLAND OF THE FORTH.

The little island of Inchcolm, which lies "like a ship waiting for the wind" at the mouth of the Forth, was a mystery island during the war, and still is something of a mystery to East Coast folks. Few people even yet are aware that on this island of the Forth is one of the most perfectly preserved monastic establishments in the country. It is welcome news, therefore, that Inchcolm Abbey has been taken into the custody of the Ancient Monuments Board, who are to restore the ruin into as nearly its original state as possible. Arrangements have also been made, through the Board of Works, and the proprietor, the Earl of Moray, by which the Abbey and part of the island will be thrown open to the public, a small charge being levied to meet the cost of the supervision.

A good deal of the mystery of the island, of course, has been due to its inaccessibility, no regular boat service having plied to the island.

Recently, a motor launch service was commenced by the Scottish Motor Traction Company, who thus further extend their pioneer work in the opening up of places and districts of interest in the neighbourhood of Edinburgh.

## THE ISLAND OF THE DRUIDS.

The representatives of the Press were the guests of the Scottish Motor Traction Company in an expedition to the island, led by Mr. J. Wilson Paterson, of the Board of Works, who detailed the history of the Abbey, pointed out the significance of the ruins, and showed how his Department intended to carry through the work of renovation.

The Abbey was at one time an extensive monastic establishment. The ancient name of the island was "Enlona," which is the Celtic for "the place of the Druids," which seems to signify that before the introduction of Christianity the Druids had a place of worship there. On the introduction of Christianity, the island was occupied by the followers of St. Columba, who erected a small chapel, dedicated to the Saint, from which the modern name is derived.

About 1123, the story runs, Alexander I. was caught in a terrible storm, while crossing the Forth. He was rescued by a pious hermit who lived in a primitive stone cell, which still stands a short distance from the Abbey. In gratitude for his escape Alexander founded and richly endowed the Abbey. The hermit's son, it is interesting to note, is traditionally associated with St. Mungo, the patron Saint of Glasgow.

## THE MONK.

The Abbey is in a wonderful state of preservation, and except for modern partitions exists as it was when the Augustinian monks were in occupation. The Chapter House, Warming Room, and Cloisters, are practically intact, while the Nave of the Chapel remains with a perfect roof. The three-story square tower, built in the thirteenth century, is in an admirable state of preservation. Near the main buildings is a deep circular well, with windlass and bucket, the water of which is remarkably fresh.

On the mound overlooking the Abbey is an ancient tombstone of fish-scale pattern, marked at either end. Excavations are to be conducted here, and interesting archaeological discoveries are expected.

Luxuriant foliage on the island testifies to its climate, a blackbird nesting in the Cloisters undisturbed by visitors to its peace. It is an island for taking the grass at length. Everywhere around there are objects to stir reflection, and the sound of the sea has something in it like the monotonous far-away chant of the men who prayed and worked and made our world for us in the olden time.

After Japan the airman round the Kurile and Aleutian Islands and then in for Alaska and down to Vancouver. From there they will make straight across Canada, stopping at Winnipeg and Montreal, on to St. John's and the Azores, Lisbon and then England. They hope to arrive there some time in August, having started from England on March 25.

The most unpleasant stretch of flying will probably be across the North Pacific over the Aleutian Islands to Vancouver. This was where the Americans had such a hard time. There is not too much traffic round those seas, and the country is inhospitable and bleak to get blown on to. The longest stretch they will have to make, however, will be from St. John's, New Foundland, to the Azores, a distance of some 1,350 miles. The winds should be fair, however, and weather conditions generally good.

# SHAMEEN LAWS. CANTON RETURNED STUDENTS' DEMANDS.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

The Returned Students' Association in Canton, an organization of men and women who have studied in Europe or America, has addressed a letter to the General Chamber of Commerce of this city suggesting that steps be taken for a revision of the traffic and police regulations in Shameneh, the foreign concession of Canton. The Returned Students' Committee, consisting of Messrs. Loo Hing-yun, Juan Tien-lai, and Chang Shan-min, has advised the Chamber to recommend to the Shameneh Municipal Councils to place all Chinese, properly dressed on an equal footing with other nations having business there or to advise the Chinese to refrain from going into Shameneh altogether.

## CANTON'S BURDEN.

TROOPS MUST LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES.

SUN YAT-SEN'S NEW ORDER.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Dr. Sun Yat-sen will no longer be able to support all his troops, and all troops having a territory to defend will have to devise their own means for raising money, which is easy, when they will continue to control gambling and opium traffic. Troops without a territory to defend will be paid by Dr. Sun proportionally to the daily income available.

## WHO'S WHO.

LATEST CHINA COAST CHANGES.

Captain D. R. Kilbee, of the "Walshing," is on reserve. Capt. J. W. Pettigrew, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Walshing."

Mr. T. T. Lee, chief officer, "Wuchang," is on reserve.

Mr. G. Wood, second officer, "Wuchang," is on leave.

Mr. W. Peppow, from leave, has gone chief officer, "Wuchang."

Mr. W. J. Turner, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Wuchang."

Mr. S. E. McKinley, second engineer, "Luenho," is on reserve.

Mr. J. Colquhoun has been appointed second engineer, "Luenho."

Mr. G. A. Evans, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Linnan."

Mr. J. M. Hall, second officer, "Tenn," has gone second officer, "Kiukiang."

Mr. J. F. Johnson, from reserve, has gone third officer, "Cheong-shing."

Mr. A. C. Newton, third officer, "Cheong-shing," has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. J. W. Stoneham, second officer, "Cheong-shing," is on leave.

Mr. W. Jones, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Mingsang."

Mr. W. J. Lawrence, second officer, "Mingsang," is on leave.

Mr. B. W. S. Pritchard, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Lungshan."

Mr. E. W. Matthews, second officer, "Lungshan," has gone acting chief officer, same ship.

Mr. E. Prigent, chief officer, "Lungshan," has gone acting master, same ship.

Captain S. Bell-Smith, of the "Lungshan," is on leave.

Mr. W. B. Richardson, from reserve, has gone third officer, "Haitofoing."

—Shipping & Engineering.

# SHOPGIRL'S CLAIM. STORY OF A BOWES- LYON ROMANCE.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

The action of Miss Constance Mary Lyon, a shop assistant of Elmfield-avenue, Aberdeen, to have it declared that she is the eldest lawful child of Mr. Hubert Ernest Bowes-Lyon, the eldest son of Mr. Ernest Bowes-Lyon, who was the third son of the 13th Earl of Strathmore, was again before the Court of Session at Edinburgh.

Miss Lyon claims that she was legitimised under Scottish law by the marriage, after her birth, of her parents, Mr. Bowes-Lyon and Miss Lizzie Mackie, of Glasgow, who formerly lived in Edinburgh, said that Miss Smeaton first met Mr. Bowes-Lyon in 1904 at a staff dance in connection with the Edinburgh café. They afterwards lived together as husband and wife in Edinburgh. In the same year Mr. Bowes-Lyon resigned his commission in the Black Watch and went to London, Miss Smeaton following him shortly afterwards.

## "CONNIE'S FATHER."

They took a house in Tavistock Chambers, Hart-street, Bloomsbury, W.C., and before she went to London Miss Smeaton stated that Mr. Bowes-Lyon was the father of a prospective child. She met Miss Smeaton in Edinburgh in 1905 and went with her to Aberdeen and gave the child to a Mrs. Collier.

The child's left leg was injured and was then in plaster of Paris. When Mr. and Mrs. Bowes-Lyon afterwards went to her (Miss Mackie's) house in Edinburgh Miss Smeaton said, "This is Connie's father."

The last time she saw her, Miss Lyon was about 5 years of age.

Miss Lyon was asked to stand up in court and Miss Mackie said she had no difficulty in recognising her, though she was not so tall as her mother and took more after her father's family.

Miss Lyon, giving evidence, said that her left leg had always been a source of trouble to her. It pained her when she walked.

The case was adjourned.

## PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

Per P. & O. s.s. "Dunbar" on July 11:—Mr. Cheong Sze Lam, Capt. R. G. Sturges, Messrs. I. G. Reynolds, D. C. Kitchin, D. F. Shaw, H. Williamson, C. T. Ophant, W. M. Watson, R. McLen, Capt. W. M. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Wilkinson, Miss A. Vanden, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Greenaway, Mr. Lee Pin Yin, Miss M. Fowler, Mr. J. Black, Mr. R. Smeaton, Mrs. G. J. Lay, Capt. S. R. Spillett, Messrs. R. A. Stephenson, B. D. Taylor, T. E. Porter, C. R. Farquhar, P. R. Fy, Capt. F. Shaw, Mr. J. G. Campbell, Mr. Fujiwara, Miss V. P. Green, Mr. Frank Ng, Miss N. P. P. Palmer, Miss A. Kwan, Madam H. Brandes, Messrs. V. H. Matheson, W. O. Barbury, J. G. Hunt, J. Lee, Mr. G. Comdr. R. H. Wilber, Mr. H. R. Blair, Miss E. Smith, Miss M. T. Sumner, Messrs. A. L. Scott, Kung Pak Kwan, M. W. Rankin and M. T. Rankin.

A party of eleven M.P.s spent the Whitsun recess in a tour of Northern Ireland to become better acquainted with the conditions there.

The Union of German Industrialists and the National Union of German Officers have protested against the acceptance of the Dawes Reparation Report.

An appeal for £400 for seaside camps for Borstal boys is issued by the Borstal Association, 15, Buckingham-street, W.C.2, who state that these camps, to which 280 lads were taken last year, are a necessary break in the routine of institution life and a stimulus to progress and good-fellowship.

# CAT RINGS BELL. GIVING SIGNAL WHEN WANTS MEAL.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

A cat which rings a bell when it wants to be admitted to the dining-room, at meal times and watches its master out of sight before settling down to sleep on forbidden flower-beds is the subject of a letter in the current number of the *Field*.

A little bell was fitted some years ago outside the dining-room window, with a string attached, and the cat claws the string and rings the bell when it wants to come in.

Having apparently noticed that the coming-in signal worked the cat invented one for going out by climbing on to the piano and scratching the glass of a picture, thus imitating a bell.

Mrs. Hastings Lunn, a member of the council of Our Dumb Friends' League, told a *Daily Mail* reporter that several of her cats often scratch them to attract her attention.

## Woman's Wit.

Women, I think, express their sense of humour largely in their dress (says a *Daily Chronicle* writer). Men tell one another funny stories, but women do funny things with their hats. But women are certainly witty in their dress and like their favourite shops to display them wittily. One Oxford Street store has quaintly carved and boldly coloured wooden heads with the latest cut in shingles and the new drab face make-up, on which to display the "Hoxton" scarves. Another displays dresses on futuristic figures with only a faint resemblance to a human form.

In Paris dresses are shown on figures cut from a flat piece of wood.

## X-Rays in Industry.

Mr. C. Norman Kemp, B.Sc., speaking in the Heriot-Watt College, Edinburgh, on the application of the X-rays in the industrial field, said that until comparatively recently the surgeon had been the only person to take advantage of X-rays, but during the last few years there had been an enormous development in regard to its industrial application. The use to which the rays could be put industrially was mainly to find out defects in articles, defects which could not otherwise be found without taking the articles to pieces. In other examples where the article could not be broken up, the X-rays were the only means of determining their structure.

Mr. Kemp proceeded to point to certain well-known industries which might benefit materially from this analysis. A quantity of reinforced concrete, where corrosion was always liable to take place, and rubber tyres, where the distribution of strain and stress was extremely important, might be examined. The core of a golf ball could not be examined in any other way, unless by cutting up the sphere, and thereby rendering it useless. One very important branch of the application of X-rays analysis was with regard to coal and coke. By this means the amount of real coal and the amount of useless ash could be determined. In various other trades, such as the welding of steel plates, the detection of structural weakness by this means would be extremely important. There was no doubt that in the near future every industrial concern would have to install an up-to-date X-rays apparatus, and they might live to see the day when an X-rays installation would be as common as a wireless installation was to-day.—*The Scotsman*.

Airmen on strike at Lisbon, says the *Exchange*, have placed machine guns round their camp, and three regiments of infantry and cavalry have been sent against them.

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# AMERICAN MILLIONAIRE MURDER SENSATION.



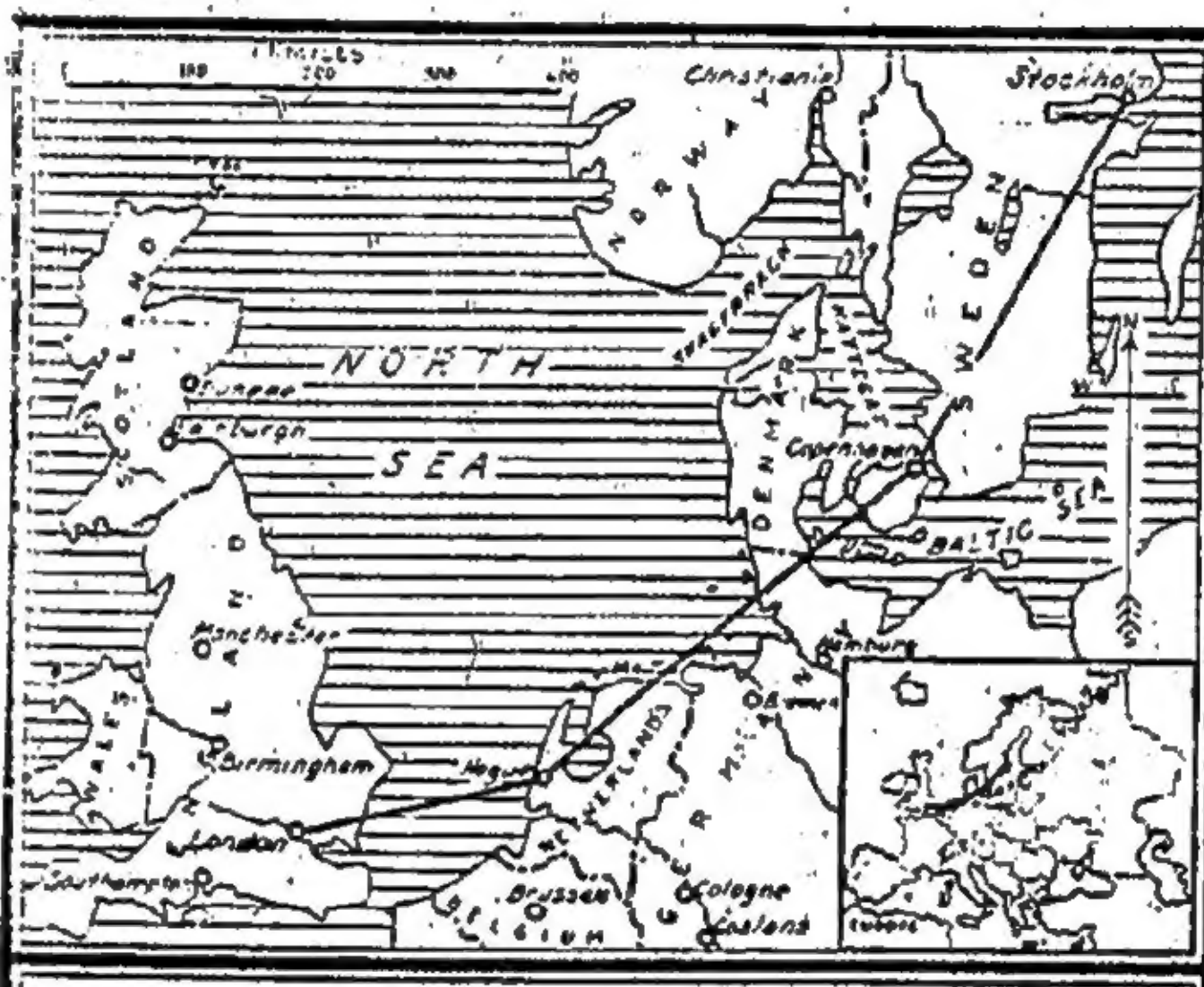
In this remarkable photograph Nathan Leopold, one of the murderers of the kidnapped Robert Franks, is shown when he passed Harry Ream (pointing), youthful taxicab driver, who positively identified him as one of the two men who abducted him, threw him into a motor car, chloroformed him and subjected him to a mutilating gland operation. Ream also identified Richard Loeb, the other murderer, as the second in the crime.

## Lost His Son.



Jacob Franks, millionaire Chicago manufacturer, led the search for the murderers of his son, Robert, 14, who was kidnapped on his way from school and killed.

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These unusual photographs of Richard Loeb, son of a Chicago millionaire, confessed kidnapper and slayer, with Nathan Leopold, Jr., of Robert Franks, 14-year-old schoolboy, show the youth in varying moods. At the left Loeb is pictured as he laughed at the police when first taken into custody, confident his alibi could not be shaken and that he would never be charged with the crime. At the right Loeb is pictured, hours later, when, borne down by fear and conscience, he confessed he took part in the brutal murder of his second cousin.

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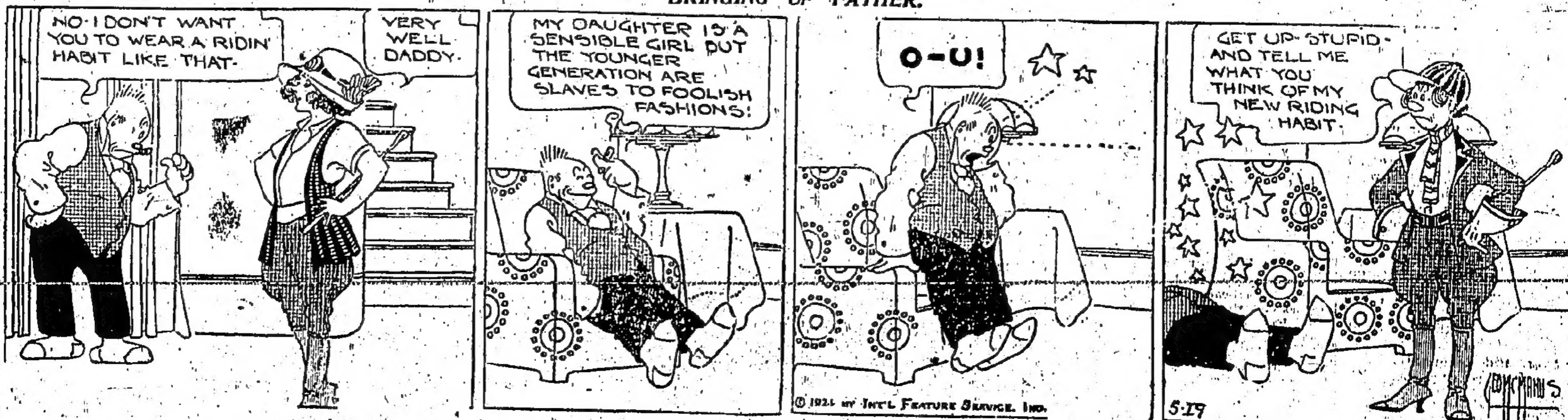
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